



King County

PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN
PUBLIC HEALTH- SEATTLE & KING COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
Annual Salary Range \$62,973.64 - \$79,173.36
Job Announcement No.: 01RM1874
OPEN: 10/9/02 CLOSE: Open until filled

WHO MAY APPLY: This career service exempt position is open to all qualified applicants.

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials **must** be sent to: **Employment Services, 999 3rd Avenue, Suite 1230, Seattle, WA 98104**. Applications materials must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the closing date. (Postmarks are NOT ACCEPTED.) Contact Ngozi T. Oleru at (206) 296-4806 for further inquiries.
PLEASE NOTE: Applications not received at the location specified above may not be processed.

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED: A [King County application form, data sheet](#), resume and letter of interest detailing your background and describing how you meet or exceed the requirements are required.

WORK LOCATION: Wells Fargo Building, 999 Third Avenue, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98104-4099.

WORK SCHEDULE: This career service exempt position is also exempt from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and is not overtime eligible. The work week is normally Monday through Friday.

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES INCLUDE: The Public Health veterinarian provides overall veterinary epidemiological and surveillance direction to the department's programs, which are concerned with zoonotic diseases. This position's function has an important community component and the occupant must be able to develop a community based program that anticipates and responds promptly and appropriately to community conditions and needs. In addition, this position is an important linkage from the department to the medical community and the public at large in the areas of emerging diseases and bioterrorism. Responsibilities include:

- **Disease surveillance:** Lead county-wide zoonotic disease surveillance and work with community providers to ensure timely reporting to the Department of animal vectors, events and cases of diseases of humans' health risk. Review pet shop and kennel permit applications and perform inspections and complaint investigations as needed. Direct and participate, as needed, in animal autopsies and brain specimen examinations. Provide on-call consulting to Departmental staff, external vets and community residents.
- **Enforce Public Health Laws:** On behalf of the Director, enforce state statutes, rules and regulations and all local health codes, rules and regulations related to zoonotic diseases. Develop related policies, procedures and code amendments as diseases emerge. Act as liaison with King County Veterinary Disaster Response Coordinators to integrate Public Health veterinary response to acts of agricultural bioterrorism and naturally occurring epidemics.
- **Coordination:** Serve as the departmental lead coordinating and facilitating inter-organization response activities related to zoonotic.
- **Provide Education & Prevention Services:** Develop and implement prevention strategies for zoonotic diseases including educational and outreach programs for schools, pet stores and animal related business. Provide continuing education to field Environmental Health Service, Communicable Diseases unit, community veterinarians and others to ensure up to date and consistent advice to the public on zoonotic diseases.

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- **Environmental Health Leadership:** Lead Environmental Health division's response to veterinarian incidents of rabies and animal quarantine issues and emerging vectors such as those of West Nile Virus and bioterrorism related zoonotic diseases. Provide technical assistance to Food Program in formulating and enforcing policy on the prevention and surveillance of food-borne illnesses related to animals.
- **Research:** Serve as a senior scientist and lead the Division's development of environmental health surveillance systems. Identify and prioritize other veterinary public health research questions of environmental health importance. Write the scientific sections for external funding applications and provide direction and supervision to staff in preparing the other application components. Oversee research design and implementation. Facilitate collaboration between Public Health staff and representatives of community-based organizations and research institutions to address public health research initiatives. Ensure appropriate data analysis and interpretation of study results, optimal dissemination of results to community partners and the public health scientific community through local and national publications, professional meetings, and presentations. Assure compliance with all human subjects' processes, rules and regulations as appropriate.
- **Teaching and Professional Training:** Participate in teaching at relevant seminars and lectures at the local colleges and universities. Advise and oversee the work of students, residents, and interns who may participate in projects or electives within the Environmental Health division program. Identify and coordinate educational opportunities for students, staff and community providers.
- **Technical Support and Education:** Ensure the distribution of veterinary-related health status information of the community both within and outside of Public Health - Seattle & King County. Provide veterinarian consultation for community veterinarians and other health providers that include providing advice on how to prevent, diagnose and treat zoonotic diseases. Assure staff has appropriate training and supervision in epidemiological methods, disease investigation, data analysis and evaluation appropriate to their job duties.
- **Public Communications:** In collaboration with the Communications Team, participate in the writing of reports and press releases, participate in press conferences and respond to media requests for information. In collaboration with the Director of Public Health, prepare materials and presentations for the Board of Health, County Council, City Council, Veterinary Medical Society and other boards. Represent the Department at national, state and local, professional and community activities.
- **Program Planning and Evaluation:** Set priorities, develop policies and protocols and evaluate the effectiveness of veterinary activities within the department. Develop work plans for cross-divisional veterinary activities.

QUALIFICATIONS: The work of the position involves extensive post-graduate study in veterinary medicine leading to a doctorate in veterinary medicine, licensing in veterinary medicine, 4-5 years of extensive clinical experience and substantial public health training and experience or a graduate degree in public health. This position also requires:

- Diagnostic skill and judgment required to provide reliable advice to veterinarians and others regarding infectious diseases and other symptoms.
- Knowledge of epidemiological practices; Ability to develop and deliver meaningful and effective disease prevention educational programs to the public.
- Knowledge of environmental laws and applicable health codes.
- Knowledge of pathology techniques, principles and procedures.
- Knowledge of epidemiology, zoonotic disease surveillance and control and environmental health practices.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Washington State Veterinarian's License, Washington State Driver's License or the ability to provide transportation to work locations with limited or no public transportation services. The selected candidate may be required to undergo a thorough background investigation.

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